the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The details are:—

1. Boats at Husainsagar, Ramappa and Pakhal Lake.
2. Water Sports and Nagarjuna Sagar, Rishikonda and Vijaywada.
3. Floating recreation'Deck at Hussain Sagar.
4. Launch for Nagarjunasagar.
5. Water Sports Equitpments.

Offer of Air France for global alliance with Air India

2922. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Times of India dated 11th August, 1996 under the caption of "Air France offers global pact to Air India"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preliminary discussions have been held between Air India and Air France on co-operative arrangements between the two airlines in their operations. No agreement has been reached in the matter so far.

Applications for Financial Assistance received by IDBI from Assam

2923. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for grant of financial assistance received by the Industrial Development Bank of India from entrepreneurs of Assam during the last three years;

(b) the number of applications sanctioned and rejected during the above period; and

(c) the details of financial assistance disbursed by IDBI to industries in the state during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b)The number of applications received, sanctioned and rejected by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) from entrepreneurs of Assam during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Applications Received	Applications Sanctioned	Applications Rejected
1993-94	14	10	3
1994-95	15	10	
1995-96	21	17	

IDBI has reported that incomplete applications and those in which the promoters did not furnish the requisite details were treated as closed. These applications would however be reopened by IDBI as and when the promoter furnish the requisite information.

(c) The details of assistance disbursed by IDBI to industries in Assam during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as under:—

(Rs. crores)

Year	Amount disbursed
1993-94	14.70
1994-95	22.53
1995-96	43.80

Present Level of NPA

2924. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present level of NPA (Non-Performing Assets) stand at 16.5% of the total adverses of banks;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the cost of funding these NPAs is a major contributory factor for the tardy growth of banks;

(c) if so, what is the ideal level of NPA as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to bring it down to the ideal level?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they have not indicated any instructions to banks about the ideal level of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs). The banks are, however, being continuously exhorted to bring down the level of NPAs through upgradation, recovery etc.

(b) The introduction of prudential norms on Income Recognition, Asset classification and

provisioning introduced in banks in 1992 has led to banks teflecting net losses due to income recognition on actual realisation basis and higher provisioning requirement.

(d) The prudential norms have brought about a greater awareness among banks of credit risk and there have been conscious attempts on the part of banks to keep their NPAs at the minimum. The Banks have evolved loan recovery policies and have set up recovery cells at headquarters. Banks have also set recovery targets for their branches. Recoveries are monitored at frequent intervals by their functionaries right down from the Chairmen or Managing Director. The setting up of Debt Recovery Tribunals is also expected to help banks in recovery of certain disputed or defaulted dues.

उच्च-शक्ति के ट्रांसमीटरों वाले आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों की स्थापना

2925. **श्री जनार्दन कदम:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रतिवर्ष उच्च शक्ति के ट्रांसमीटरों वाले कितने आकाशवाणी केन्द्र स्थापित किये गये;

(ख) इन केन्द्रों को कौन-कौन से राज्यों में शुरू किया गया है और इनके प्रसारण संकेत कितनी दूरी तक जाते है और उनकी क्षमता कितनी है;

(ग) बिहार और उड़ीसा में स्थापित किए गए केन्द्रों की संख्या कितनी है;

(घ) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान ऐसे ट्रांसमीटरों की स्थापना का कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(ङ) क्या उक्त योजना अवधि के दौरान बिहार में ऐसे-ट्रांसमीटरों की स्थापना का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी॰एम॰ इब्राहिम): (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों (1.4.1993 से 31.3.1996) तक के दौरान देश में 34उच्च शक्ति ट्रांसमीटर (उ.श॰ट्रा. स्थापित एवं चालू किए गए हैं। इनकी क्षमता एवं कवर की गई दूरी सहित राज्यवार, वर्ष-वार ब्यौरे विवरण में दिए गए हैं। (नीचे देखिये)

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान बिहार राज्य में एक तथा उड़ीसा में दो उच्च शक्ति ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित किए गए हैं। ब्यौरे संलग्न विवरण में उपलब्ध है। (नीचे देखिए)

(घ) जी, हां।

(ङ) और (च) जी, हां रांची के 2 कि.श.शा.वे.ट्रा. को 50 कि.वा.शा॰ वे. उच्च शक्ति ट्रांसमीटर में बदलने की एक अनुमोदित स्कीम है।

विवरण

(1.4.1993 से 31.3.1996 तक) के दौरान चालू किए गए उच्च शक्ति ट्रांसमीटरों के ब्यौरों को दर्शाने वाला विवरण।

क्रम॰	राज्य	स्थान	ट्रांसमीटर की क्षमता	अनुमानित क्षेत्र (कि.मी. में)			
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1.	मी॰के॰ ट्रांसमीटर						
(क)	वर्ष 1993-94						
1.	अरूणाचल प्रदेश	ईटानगर	100 कि॰वा॰मी॰के॰	135	35	65	125
2.	उड़ीसा	जैपोर	100 कि॰वा॰मी॰के॰	80	80	80	80
		भवानीपटना	200 कि॰वा॰मी॰के॰	135	135	135	135
(ख)	वर्ष 1994-95						
1.	आंध्र प्रदेश	विशाखापटनम	100 कि॰वा॰मी॰के॰ (प्रतिस्थापन)	103	229 (द॰क॰)	*	97
2.	केरल	त्रिचूर	100 कि॰वा॰मी॰के॰	65	125	90	*